

**Subpart 3151—Exploration Outside of Alaska**

**§ 3151.1 Notice of intent to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations.**

Parties wishing to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration outside of the State of Alaska shall file a Notice of Intent to Conduct Oil and Gas Exploration Operations, referred to herein as a notice of intent. The notice of intent shall be filed with the District Manager of the proper BLM office on the form approved by the Director. Within 5 working days of the filing date, the authorized officer shall process the notice of intent and notify the operator of practices and procedures to be followed. If the notice of intent cannot be processed within 5 working days of the filing date, the authorized officer shall promptly notify the operator as to when processing will be completed, giving the reason for the delay. The operator shall, within 5 working days of the filing date, or such other time as may be convenient for the operator, participate in a field inspection if requested by the authorized officer. Signing of the notice of intent by the operator shall signify agreement to comply with the terms and conditions contained therein and in this part, and with all practices and procedures specified at any time by the authorized officer.

**§ 3151.2 Notice of completion of operations.**

Upon completion of exploration, there shall be filed with the District Manager a Notice of Completion of Oil and Gas Exploration Operations. Within 30 days after this filing, the authorized officer shall notify the party whether rehabilitation of the lands is satisfactory or whether additional rehabilitation is necessary, specifying the nature and extent of actions to be taken by the operator.

**Subpart 3152—Exploration in Alaska**

**§ 3152.1 Application for oil and gas geophysical exploration permit.**

Parties wishing to conduct oil and gas geophysical exploration operations in Alaska shall complete an applica-

tion for an oil and gas geophysical exploration permit. The application shall contain the following information:

- (a) The applicant's name and address;
- (b) The operator's name and address;
- (c) The contractor's name and address;
- (d) A description of lands involved by township and range, including a map or overlays showing the lands to be entered and affected;
- (e) The period of time when operations will be conducted; and
- (f) A plan for conducting the exploration operations.

NOTE TO § 3152.1: Submit your application along with the filing fee for geophysical exploration permit—Alaska, found in the fee schedule in § 3000.12 of this chapter (except where the exploration operations are to be conducted on a leasehold by or on behalf of the lessee), to the District Manager of the proper BLM office.

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**§ 3152.2 Action on application.**

(a) The authorized officer shall review each application and approve or disapprove it within 90 calendar days, unless compliance with statutory requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) delays this action. The applicant shall be notified promptly in writing of any such delay.

(b) The authorized officer shall include in each geophysical exploration permit terms and conditions deemed necessary to protect values, mineral resources, and nonmineral resources. Geophysical permits within National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska shall contain such reasonable conditions, restrictions and prohibitions as the authorized officer deems appropriate to mitigate adverse effects upon the surface resources of the Reserve and to satisfy the requirement of section 104(b) of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6504) (See part 3130 for stipulations relating to the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska).

(c) An exploration permit shall become effective on the date specified by the authorized officer and shall expire 1 year thereafter.

(d) For lands subject to section 1008 of the Alaska National Interest Lands